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There has been quite a delay in this issue of the "Sunbeam", and we naturally expect to receive not a few comments in our exchanges regarding the lateness of this week's paper, also a number of complaints from some of our subscribers that they have not received last Monday's issue. The cause of our delay was not negligence, but the author of "An exploit of the 'Alabama'" has been absent from L. G. for several days past, and we were anxiously watching the mails for the appearance of the story, but last evening (Thursday) we received word that for certain reasons the author was unable to send it to us; so we hope our readers will not feel disappointed at its

non-appearance in this issue, but they will get the conclusion of the story next August.

We hope that those of our exchanges which publish their paper during vacation, will send it to us right along, so that the file shall be complete.

One of the most prominent young men of Sonoma city while promenading the streets at an early hour, was stopped by a masked man who asked "how about mud;" he declined, but we say, big ex-spence-r.

LATEST.

Friday, June 22.

Manuel Martinez and Joaquin and Arturo Carrillo will leave L. G. to-morrow morning. They intend going to Arizona.

The boys that are going out camping have not yet started on account of several drawbacks, but will surely get off by next Monday. They will probably go to the Redwoods instead of the Geysers as before stated.

Our teacher, Mr. James, will be back from his trip to-morrow.

The "Kansas Zephyr" has made its appearance into our office, and is a very promising sheet.

The "American Sphinx" contains about the best reading matter that we have seen among our exchanges, and its editors seem to have a very good idea of publishing a paper.

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ITEMS.

We are having fine weather now, and it will most likely continue so for a month or two.

Miss Maggie Sweeney, Manuel Amado and Willie and Deede Taylor left for San Francisco this morning; also Mrs. Strauch and daughter.

The scholars that spend their vacation at home, left Locust Grove in a large wagon last Saturday morning.

The camping party will probably start on their expedition next Wednesday and expect to have a delightful time. Ye Editor is one of them.

The subscription rates for the "Sunbeam" next term will be 5 cts. per month, and 50 cts. per year; just half of what it is now as we will issue a semi-monthly.

A. Landsborough was quite sick last week, but now we are glad to see him up and around as usual.

Mmanuel Amado put a cap on his gun and fired it off in his bed-room, a few days ago. He didn't know the weapon was loaded, but it proved to be, and now there is a good-sized hole through the wall, also several shattered panes of glass, which shows it was mighty lucky that nobody was in the next room at the time. *Edith*

Richard and ~~Walter~~ Rountree arrived this evening, and expect to spend a part of vacation with us.

Mrs. Lubeck, Mrs. Catton, and C. Tilden will leave for San Francisco tomorrow morning.

Hurrah for vacation!!

AMATEUR NOTES.

The "National Amateur" is a very neat and interesting paper. It is the official organ of the N. A. P. A.

"Our Optic" appears to be a very creditable sheet, but where are the amateur notes?

The "Daisy" has enlarged, and its Prize Corner is well stocked with puzzling questions which were too much for us.

The editorials in the "Noname" are very good and spicy, and well show the abilities of the editor.

The "Coster" comes to us more regularly than the greater part of our exchanges, and is a very interesting paper.

"Our Sedan" is a well conducted paper, but we have not received it very regularly, and are unable to form much of an opinion upon its contents.

We received for the first time the "Leisure Moments" which is an excellent piece of typography. The reading matter is also very good.

The contents of "Our Young Days" are very well written, but it would improve the paper to have four pages instead of two, in which form it reaches us.

The "Weekly Amateur" is rapidly improving, and we suppose that it will soon rank among our best exchanges.

"The Bug" is a new one from Me. Lean, Illinois, and it made by no means a poor start, except that it is a little behind time when it says that the "Sunbeam" has no amateur news. It must have received a copy of last year's issues.

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The Closing Exercises of Locust Grove School.

Locust Grove School closed for two months vacation last Friday, and the day was passed pleasantly by the numerous plays etc., delivered by the scholars.

In the afternoon at 2 o'clock all assembled in the school-room where a stage was arranged and the L. G. Comedy Troupe delivered a series of lively and amusing negro plays which came off very successfully. After the minstrels had finished their performance, quite a number of the scholars recited pieces and dialogues. Little Arturo Carrillo and Carlos Yanez deserve great praise for the way in which they said their dialogue, as both are Spanish and have only begun to speak a little English.

In the evening, all at Locust Grove and several invited guests assembled in the parlor to witness the evening exhibition, of which we give the programme as follows:

PART I.

Instrumental Duet - Lottie Clarke and

Mr. Heymanson.

Essay - Allen Calef.

Vocal Solo - Miss Landsborough.

Dialogue - Margaret Williams and
Leslie Tilden.

Instrumental Solo - Miss Winter.

Recitation - Bessie Tilden.

Instrumental Solo - Lottie Clarke.

PART II.

Instrumental Duet - Edith Clarke and
Lula Lewis.

Dialogue - Deede Taylor and Harold
Clarke.

Vocal Solo - Miss Clayton.

Dialogue - Lottie Clarke and Lula
Lewis.

After the above programme, which was a decided success, the prizes were given to those who had shown a great improvement in lessons or conduct. A silver medal was awarded to Chas F. Tilden for uniform good conduct and uprightness, and one to Deede M. Taylor for diligence and honesty.

Mr. Wickoff of Sonoma then delivered an address to the scholars about "Always be on Time" and was greeted with loud applause. The School next sang the closing song, "Strike for the Cause of Freedom."

The Minstrel Troupe then repeated their last amusing farce, and the characters who had been white boys during the first part of the evening, were transformed to an ebony black color, and after everybody was seated in the school-room, the play proceeded with unusual activity, which brought cheer after cheer from the audience. Towards the last, Joe Schleiden and Bert Gee were called upon to repeat their sketch of "Dar's de Money," and after the spectators had strained their sides with laughter, all repaired to the dining-room where a bounteous repast of straw-berries, oranges, sponge cake, fruit cake, sandwiches and lemonade was awaiting them, and it was not long before it was made away with.

By this time everyone was pretty tired, and the greater part of the scholars went to bed with the joyful prospects of going home on the morrow.

The long looked for vacation has arrived and we hope that everyone will have a good time so that they will start afresh at their studies next term.

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FACETIÆ.

When Adam got tired of naming his
descendents, he said, "Let all the rest
be called Smith."

An Irish boot-black said to a rude
Englishman: "My honey, all the polish
you have is upon your boots, and I
gave you that."

The reason an old maid is generally
so devoted to her cat is, that, not hav-
ing a husband, she naturally takes to
the next most treacherous animal.

Don't want you any longer, said an
employer to a very till clerk.